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RESPONSE "A"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 28, 2007, a response being due with a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 28, 2007, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Restriction was required between the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 8 as drawn to a method of testing milk from an animal for the presence of infection; and Group II, namely Claims 9 - 20 as drawn to an apparatus for testing milk in automated milking system and an automatic milking system.

In reply to this Official Action, Applicant herein elects the subject matter of Group I, namely Claims 1 - 8 as drawn to a method of testing milk from an animal for the presence of infection. Applicant reserves the right to take such other measures as they deem appropriate so as to protect the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully contends that an Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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